Setting up of Gas-based Power Plant by N.T.P.C. in Andhra Pradesh

2116. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with NTPC to set up gas-based power plants in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has submitted a proposal for the setting up of Godavari Gas-based Power Project (800 MW/400 MW) in the Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh.

Punctuality of flights of Indian Airlines

2117. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines has not been able to maintain their flight schedules for the last six months; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the punctuality of various flights of the Indain Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) During the period January-June, 1990, over 65 per cent flights of Indian Airlines left on time. Only 3.87 per cent flights were delayed or cancelled due to reasons attributable to Indian Airlines, while the remaining delays and cancellations were due to adverse weather conditions, inadequate airport facilities and miscellaneous reasons.

(b) In order to improve 'on time performance' Indian Airlines has taken the following measures::—

—As and when there is likely to be a servicing delay, Chief Engg. Managers at the base stations are required to visit the Maintenance Hangers at night and discuss the situation for corrective action, if any ;

—Regional Directors are required to take daily meetings with the operating Departmental Heads to review reasons for significant delays;

—Schedules are framed providing adequate cushioning and ensuring that aircraft and crew are not over-stretched.

Financial Allocation to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

2118. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the financial allocations made by the Central Government to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board during the Seventh Five Year Plan along with the details of amount utilised year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): As per the information received from the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity

Board details of the allocations and expenditure incurred by the Board during the Seventh Plan period are as follows:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. Crores)	Expenditure (Rs. Crores)
1985-86	160.00	152.32
1986-87	170.00	173.60
1987-88	190.73	192.39
1988-89	200.65	209.90+71.08 (PFC loan)
1989-90	220.00	268.67+48.23 (PFC loan)

Production of coking coal in the country

2119. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of coking coal produced during the last three years yearwise;

(b) what was the quantity of coking coal imported to supplement the domestic requirement during the above period, year-wise; and

(c) by when the country would become self-sufficient in the production of coking coal?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI *ARIF MOHD. KHAN*): (a) Production of metallurgical grade raw coking coal in the country during the last three years, is given below, yearwise:—

(million tonnes)

1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
26.32	25.50	24.66

(b) The quantity of coking coal improved by the integrated steel plants of SAIL, TISCO and VSP during the last three years, is given below:—

Year	Quantity (million tonnes)
1987-88	3.16
1988-89	4.44
1989-90	5.35

(c) In order to get an optimum coal blend to step up operating efficiency, steel plants have been using some proportion of imported coking coal which is said to be of better quality.

From the present indications it appears that some quantity of coking coal would continue to be imported by steel plants on quality considerations.

Gas struck by ONGC at Elamanchili in Andhra Pradesh

2120. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has struck gas at Elamanchili in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the structure covers an area of eight